



Worse for wear



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Chapter 1 by Ryan Austin McGrath

He's a little bit worse for wear
With a few more sad stories left to share
He remembers every scar
As he sits in his personal bar

He remembers the smiles on their faces
And the tears in their eyes
How no apology erases
All their desperate cries

Chapter 2 by Elena Lace

No one knows his sorrow
Our the cross he had to bare
No, no one cares

He takes a drink

He drinks to love
And thinks about what he's done

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Chapter 3 by Charles Radw

Years have passed

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since he last loved
but here's to hope
and another glass

The crowd cries
in laughter like delight
and he hears screams
that have ever haunted him

A woman in scarlet
a man in black
a child with blue blue eyes
and things he wishes he had not done

A moment too soon
the crowd disperses
and all he had left
is gone away

Chapter 4 by Queerio Cheerio



Now he's left
with a collection of nights,
stuck down the bottom of a bottle
In long forgotten arms.

All the faceless men and women
he's spent the night with -
Spent his tears with,
though beggar from the start.

He's used up,
dried and dirty
Yet none of the stains,
could cover up
the open wounds

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The Wasteland left on him.

Chapter 5 by Potato101



He tries to piece together
The broken pieces of his heart
But he fails
And lands right back at the start

Soulless eyes
Stare back at him
And the drink that's in his hands
Shatters the mirror into pieces

Oh look what you've become
A dull and lifeless soul
Trying to clean up the mess you made
But instead smearing it across the floor

Chapter 6 by Daniel D'costa



He thinks to try and mend
And turn his life around,
But the alcohol in him bends
To bury him in the ground.

He wonders about the child
And the father and the bride,
He longs then to cry
But his soul is now too dried.

All those faceless names

Invite him to obscurity

And his yearnings return

To when he wanted prosperity

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Chapter 7 by champion, Curiosity always wins



He's had enough
He's fed up.

Goodbye to nice
Time to lower the price.

He's off the hype,
it's getting trite.

Planned life,
destined for sacrifice.

Time to go
Can't say no.

The sorrows he's borrowed.
The gallows are shallow
And heaven hollow.

Where he leads,
thou shall not follow.

Lest ye weep what ye see
and reap what ye seek.

Full sails ahead
but the sea
it reeks.

A foul stench
in the air,

He doesn't care.
He begins the flare.
It blares at the fair.
The glare,
it bears

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resemblance to...
something new.

Of follies too cheap
and mountains too steep.

Dare he sneak a peek
at this piece of raw meat?

Dare he try to climb
a laddder so high?

Or hold onto the kite,
that's flight
is so divine?

Or shall he sublime
to the devil inside?

Shall he hinder
the tender?

Or render
the spender?

Maybe he should
fix the fender-bender?

Maybe, he should
attempt to surrender
to the blender?

Or consider
being slender?

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To test the best
is to shorten the rest

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of what they're
to be,
something so obscene.

Don't hurt the meek
or they'll creep
up beside you
to ridden your virtue.

Watch out for the leak.
It isn't yours to keep.

Chapter 8 by Laurel



Thoughts consume,
What is left of his mind,
A grimace comes to his face,
Like the blade of a mace.

He thinks of his sorrows,
Like bottomless bottles,
As endless as his strife,
For the world he beholds,
That has never shown,
Him any mercy or light.

He thinks of the dead,
Of thoughts never said,
Of times of anger and grief.
Now all he can do,
Is sit and stare,

His mind in a state
Made of his madness and pain.

The whole world is always the same,
Always bringing him down,
All he can do is drink from his glass,
Wishing he could take it all back.

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